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1. At Novorossiysk the pilotage, moorage, visit of inspection, and the checking of passes were as usual. The pilot can be described as a man who is fond of drinking because when he came aboard he appeared to be slightly intoxicated.

2. Enroute to Novorossiysk three German-type landing craft were observed cruising north of Point Dub.

3. [] the following merchant ships:

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a. Several wooden fishing smacks moored at 3 and 6 on Attachment 1. [] only a few of these put out to sea.

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b. The Soviet tanker Kremlin, moored at 5. Of old construction, it had about a 9,000 ton capacity and completed loading in 24 hours.

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f. A Soviet passenger ship moored at 9 on Attachment 1. Already in service for an Alexandria line, it was now also sailing for a Black Sea line.

g. Two or three small passenger boats, no larger than 700 tons,

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moored at 12 on Attachment 1. These were used locally.

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4. The military craft in port included the following:

- a. A torpedo boat with two funnels. It appeared to have been constructed between 1930 and 1935.
- b. A MAS
- c. Three motor patrol boats.

All of these craft were moored at 4 on Attachment 1.

5. Craft that was used locally included three motor boats used to transport people between the city and the port area, and a pilot boat. The absence of tugboats was especially noticed because [redacted] ship had to enter port without the assistance of one [redacted]. Likewise there were no barges in evidence.

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6. Along the southwest edge of the grain pier there were water plugs where water supplies were taken on. Merchantmen are charged two dollars per ton of water.
7. Of the four hoppers on the grain pier only three are used and the fourth is held in reserve and used only when one of the others does not function. Grain is loaded only along the southwestern edge of the pier. On the other sides, passenger ships moor. On both the left and right of the grain conduit there are railroad tracks which connect with the pierhead where the patrol station is. Along the stretch indicated at 11 on Attachment 1 the pier is being paved and even women are employed in the work. In 31 hours, 4560 tons of three different kinds of grain were loaded.

8. At 14 on Attachment 1, [redacted] three fuel tanks which were surrounded by a wall.

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9. Besides the paving being done at 11, some remodeling and rearranging were being done at 1, and some new construction at 2 on Attachment 1.
10. A skilled laborer receives between 10 and 12 rubles a day; at the official rate of exchange of four rubles per dollar that would seem to be sufficient remuneration. Actually, it is not, because the cost of living is so high; a pair of shoes costs between 30 and 50 rubles, and a theater ticket to a motion picture costs five or six rubles.

11. In both the city and the port area, [redacted] American vehicles; [redacted] are a relic of the war [redacted]

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12. [redacted] a searchlight about five miles south of Pt. Sudyuk.

Attachment:

1. Sketch Map of Novorossiysk

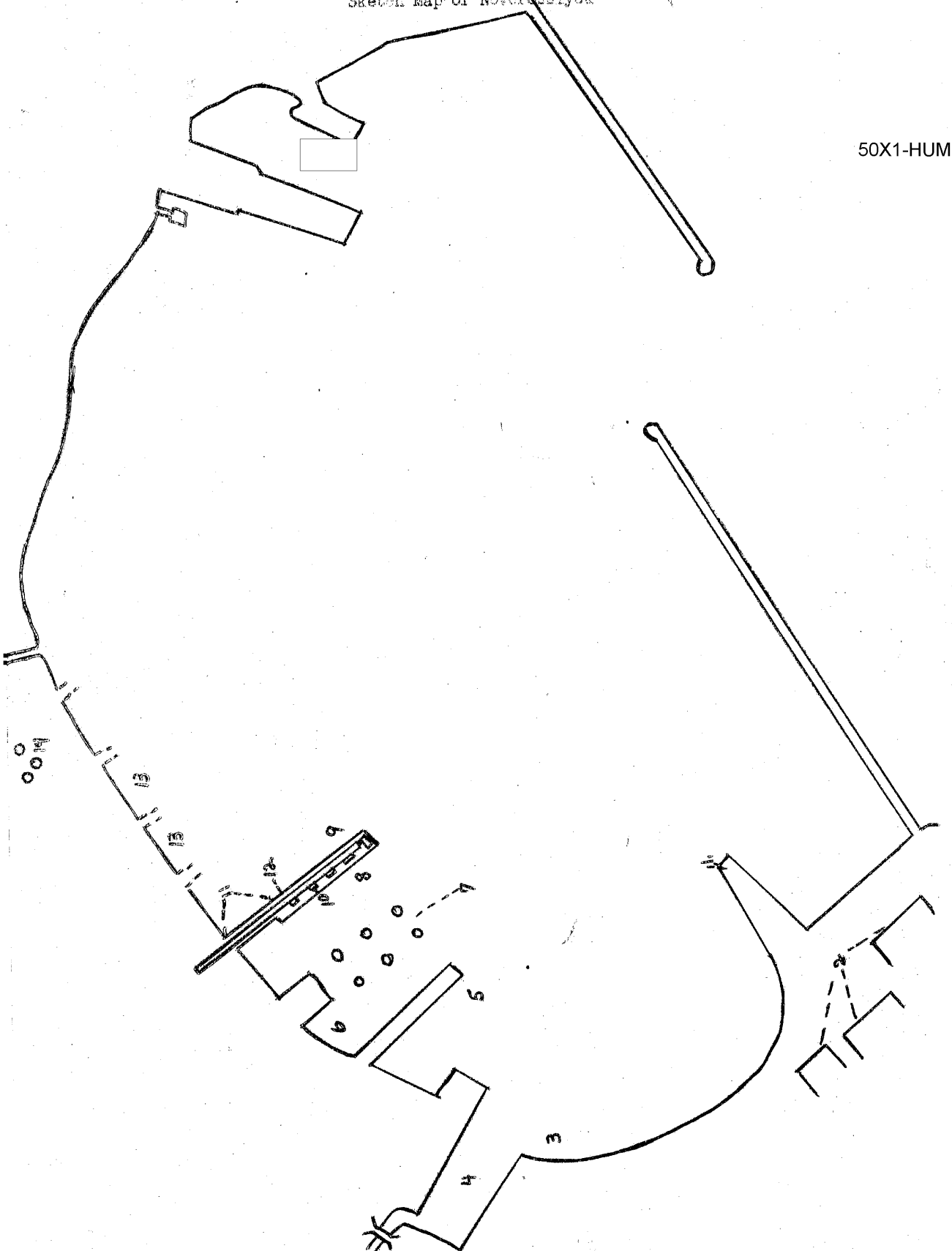
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Sketch Map of Novorossiysk



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Legend to Sketch Map of Novorossiysk

1. Work in progress
2. New construction
3. Moorage for fishing smacks
4. Military area
5. Moorage for tankers
6. Moorage for fishing smacks
7. Concrete pillars
8. Moorage for merchant ships loading grain
9. Moorage for passenger ships
10. Grain conduit with four hoppers
11. Pier area being paved
12. Moorage for local passenger boats
13. Wrecks
14. Fuel tanks

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